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Executive Secretary

History Staff Bi-Weekly

Ken spoke last week to a naval strategy seminar at the National War College on Alfred Thayer Mahan. He is currently attending the Air Force Academy's three-day biennial military history symposium in Colorado Springs.

Don has an appointment this morning with DDCI McMahon to discuss his history of overhead reconnaissance. McMahon, who played a leading role in this activity, was given a copy of Don's 60-page summary chapter to review.

Don also is in correspondence with Dr. James Killian with regard to fixing a time for an interview.

Our advertisements in the AHA newsletter and in the Chronicle of Higher Education have produced over 50 applications for our Staff Historian position. The closing date for applications is 15 October. A considerable amount of History Staff time has gone into processing and reviewing these applications.

Section 3 of the new CIA Information Act requires the DCI, in consultation with the Archivist of the United States, the Librarian of Congress, and "appropriate representatives of the historical discipline selected by the Archivist," to submit a report to Congress by 1 June 1985 on "the feasibility of conducting systematic review for declassification and release of CIA information of historical value." Ken met with Alan Thompson, the Archivist's action officer on this, to discuss formation of the committee.

Several requests have been made for histories. [redacted], CI Staff, asked for a history of the [redacted] there is none. [redacted] C/SAG [redacted] asked for histories of covert action; Ken sent him a list of 13 histories on SAC activities. [redacted] IAD, who is working on examples of "Excellence," called for a history of the [redacted] the Congo; [redacted] supplied him with the name, number, and location of the history in which this operation is covered.

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Diane has sent out to the originating components for review the latest batch of documents requested from the LBJ Library and the OSD by State Department historians for use in the Foreign Relations of the United States series.

[ ] has received and installed a new hard-pack for our Wang. This will give us a back-up in the event of another break-down.

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